Englands Triumphs

FOR THE

Prince of WALES:

OR,

A ſhort Deſcription of the *Fireworks, Machines*, &c. Which were repreſented on the *Thames* before *Whitehall*, to the King, and Queen, Nobility and Gentry, Forreign Miniſters, and many thouſands of Spectators, on *Tueſday*-night, *July* 17. 1688.

With Allowance, July the 18th. 1688.

THe happy Birth of the Prince of *Wales*, having long ſince filled every corner of the Three Kingdoms with Joy and Gladneſs, and e're this reacht the Ears of all *Europe*; The Kings Majeſty to Commerate the ſame and the Queens Majeſty's Safe-getting, in his Princely Generoſity, Commanded the moſt Accompliſhtly Ingenious Sir *Martin Beckman*, His Ingeneer at the *Tower*, forthwith for to prepare ſuch Machines and Fireworks, as might be ſuitable to ſo great an Occaſion, and to prepare them for His and the Queens Royal view on the *Thames* before His Pallace of *Whitehall*.

In Obedience thereto Sir *Martin* prepared large Veſſels, called Lighters, which being cloſe covered or Scaffolded, thereon erected as many different Figures

Firſt, Betwixt two ſquare Pyramids in an Iron Chain, hung in the Centre a *Sun* in its Glory; below that, in a direct Line, an *Imperial Crown*; and under that, *J. M. R.* in a Cypher adorn'd; the Pyramids wreathed with Fireworks from the bottom to the top, and at the Main-top *Pennants* with the Arms of *England*, on each ſide the Pyramids divers other ſorts of Fireworks.

Second, A *Bacchus* bigger than the Life (with all parts full of Holes ſtopt with Fireworks) aſtride on a large Tun covered as the two Pyramids with Tun-plates, and alſo many ſorts of Fireworks on every quarter.

Third, The figure of a Woman (bigger than the Life) repreſenting *Plenty* and *Peace*, adorn'd with all the uſual Enſigns of *Plenty* and *Peace*, wrought all in Fireworks, wreaths Cornucopia's, &c.

Fourth, A Woman much bigger than the Life, a Coronet on her Head, adorn'd with the proper Emblems of *Firmneſs*, or *Stability of Empire*, and on every quarter of the Stage Fireworks of different kinds.

Fifth and *Sixth*, Were planted full of Morter-pieces of different ſizes for throwing of Bombs, Carcaſſes, &c. whoſe Shells were made of Canvis and laſht about with Cords, and ſo contrived to break when falling, to prevent the leaſt miſchief where they fell.

Seventh and *Eigth*, Planted with ſmall Chambers and other ſmall Pieces erect, and very thick one by another.

9th. 10. 11. and *12th.* Were furniſhed with Sky-Rockets and many other Curioſities for ſpringing up a vaſt height in the Air in divers Figures, and done with that extraordinary Art, as ſhewed the greatneſs of the Deſigner, each having private receptacles for Fire-works to ſupply as the others burnt off.

The 13. 14, and 15. were alſo furniſhed with other Combuſtible Compoſitions for furniſhing the whole as occaſion offer'd.

About 40 great pieces of Piles were drove in at a competent diſtance one from another, and whole pieces of Firr Timber faſtned from Pile to Pile made a Line Round them, and kept all Boats coming in to avoid confuſion and accidents which attend ſuch mighty conſluences of People.

Thus every thing being prepared, and the Men poſted in their proper ſtations, the ſeveral Water Pageants were placed in a Line before *White-Hall*, thoſe with the Pyrameds and Figures in the Centre.

About Nine at Night the Engineers began, and firſt fired the Sun, the Imperial Crown, the Cypher of the King and Queens Names, and the Letters which Compoſed the ſeveral Mottos, with other ornamental things about the Figures and Pirameds; all which was compoſed of Iron Work with Wire, which when on Fire was curious, and ſeemed as flaming Iron for a long time glowing, the Sun in the like manner appeared as glorious as at noon day, and the Crown as a body of Fire ſo formed, which while the numerous Spectators with admiration beheld,, they were ſurpriſed with Fire-Works in the Water betwixt the King and the Lighters, and Thouſands of Rockets flying up in the Ayre a prodigious height, beginning and ending in different Figures, and ſuch continued Firings like great Guns, as it in ſome meaſure, for Fire, Smoke, and Noiſe, repreſented a Sea Fight. Thus were their Majeſties, *&c.* for more than an hour diverted even to aſtoniſhment as well as delight, which was concluded with the continued ſhouts and Huzzas of the People, and the great Guns at the Tower; of all which no doubt a large Account will be given to the World.

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